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TO AMEMBASSY BISSAU

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/W TOM SMITH

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, PU

SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATION

REF: BISSAU 0002

1. HAVE CHECKED WITH HUDDLESTON AND RECEIVED DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED. PREDEPARTURE EXAMINATION OF HUDDLESTON'S BAGS WAS THOROUGH BUT NOT UNLIKE THAT TO WHICH OTHER PASSENGERS WERE SUBJECTED. HIS PERSON WAS NOT SEARCHED NOR WAS HE MANHANDLED IN ANY WAY.

2. HUDDLESTON, HOWEVER, WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE FILM OUT OF CAMERA AND SURRENDER IT TO SECURITY MEN. THIS HE DID AFTER IT WAS MADE CLEAR THEY WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO DEPART ON HIS SCHEDULED FLIGHT UNLESS HE COMPLIED.

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SEGURANCA OFFICIALS SAID FILM COULD BE RETRIEVED FROM MINISTRY OF SECURITY WHEN HUDDLESTON RETURNED BISSAU OR IT COULD BE PICKED UP BY EMBASSY. ONLY EXPOSURES ON FILM ARE OF POSSIBLE TARRAFAL IRRIGATION PROJECT IN CAPE VERDE. NO PHOTOS WERE TAKEN IN GUINEA-B.

3. DEPARTMENT CONCERNED BY TWO ASPECTS OF INCIDENT:

A) LACK OF ANY APPRECIATION WHATSOEVER BY GOGB FOR OFFICIAL PASSPORT AND FACT BEARER USG EMPLOYEE TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. AS VAST MAJORITY AID PERSONNEL CARRY OFFICIAL PASSPORTS THIS COULD POSE SERIOUS PROBLEM IN FUTURE. (AID PROJECT DESIGN TEAM WHICH VISITED BISSAU MARCH-APRIL 1976 WAS SUBJECTED TO PREDEPARTURE TREATMENT IDENTICAL TO HUDDLESTON'S WITH EXCEPTION THEY WERE ABLE TO TALK SEGURANCA MAN OUT OF CONFISCATING THEIR FILM).

B) CONFISCATION OF FILM UNWARRANTED. DEPARTMENT UNAWARE OF ANY ADVICE TO TRAVELERS INFORMING THEM OF PROHIBITIONS CONCERNING THE TAKING OF PICTURES AND EXPORT OF FILM.

4. GIVEN PASSAGE TIME AND FACT TREATMENT HUDDLESTON RECEIVED NOT UNLIKE THAT EXPERIENCED BY OTHER TRAVELERS WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE FORMAL PROTEST OF INCIDENT IS MERITED, BUT RECOMMENDS EMBASSY DISCUSS IT INFORMALLY WITH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. YOU SHOULD:

A) SEEK RETURN OF FILM TAKEN, EXPLAINING THAT IT OFFICIAL AND INTENDED TO BE PART OF AID PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR CAPE VERDE.

B) REQUEST MEA DISCUSS WITH SECURITY NATURE OF US OFFICIAL PASSPORT AND FACT IT ISSUED TO AID OFFICIALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHO ENGAGED IN ASSISTANCE EFFORTS TO GOGB.

C) OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF GOGB POLICY ON PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILM EXPORT.

5. UNTIL PHOTO PROBLEM RESOLVED, OFFICIAL TRAVELERS SHOULD BE URGED BY EMBASSY TO POUCH THEIR OFFICIAL PAPERS, NOTES, FILM, ETC. BACK TO US RATHER THAN ATTEMPT CARRY IT OUT WITH THEM.

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